

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

May 13, 2008

7:00 p.m.

BE IT KNOWN that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District was called in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on May 13, 2008, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President
Janet Jones, Secretary
Doris Roge`, Member
Alfred Bruning, Member
Adolph Sklar, Member
Billy Giddens, Member
Gary Anderson, Member

Absent were:

Rayburn Smith, Member

Also present were:

Ronald E. Corkern, Jr., Attorney/Assistant Secretary
Robert Vercher, Maintenance Superintendent
Allen Shepherd, SprayMax
Melvin Hicks, DOTD

The minutes from the April 8, 2008 meeting were reviewed. On Motion by Adolph Sklar, seconded by Gary Anderson, the Minutes were approved.

The April, 2008 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. On Motion by Doris Rogé, seconded by Janet Jones, the April, 2008 Financial Statement was approved.

The Maintenance Report was then given by Robert Vercher. Mr. Vercher stated that his crew was continuing to bush hog the Cane River Levee. He also indicated that the part time employees would like to be paid twice a month, and this request was approved. Mr. Vercher further discussed the need to find an additional part time employee and asked for recommendations from

the Board. In other business, Mr. Vercher discussed the need for repair work for flood gates, and it was agreed he would secure two bids for the necessary work, and these bids would be discussed at the June meeting.

The DOTD report was given by Melvin Hicks. Mr. Hicks advised that DOTD would start riding the Federal levees the following week. He also advised that DOTD had completed its analysis of the drainage ditch behind Mike Wolff's home and had made recommendations for changes to that ditch. In other business, Mr. Hicks advised that the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District would receive \$200,000.00 after July 1, 2008 for work on the Marco Flood Gates. He was not sure when or if the additional \$800,000.00 would be received.

The Office Activity Report was given by Ronald Corkern. He reviewed the Resolutions empowering the Corps of Engineers to apply a crushed limestone surface to the levees on the westbank of Red River. He also introduced Carol Adkins, who advised the Board that the drainage ditch behind her home was not draining properly and there were an abundance of snakes. She inquired as to what action could be taken to improve the drainage and reduce the number of snakes in the area. Following a discussion it was agreed that Robert Vercher and an employee of DOTD would inspect the ditch and make a determination as to what action should be taken.

In new business, a Motion was made by Adolph Sklar and seconded by Doris Roge` to adopt a resolution to empower the Corps of Engineers to rehabilitate the levees on the west bank of Red River by applying a crushed lime stone surface. This Motion carried unanimously. A second Motion was made by Janet Jones and seconded by Adolph Sklar, Jr. to adopt a resolution authorizing Karlton Methvin, President, to enter into an agreement with the United States of America for local cooperation at Red River below Dennison Dam West Bank Levee to apply crushed stone surfacing.

In old business, a report was given by Doris Roge` on the annual training workshop conducted by the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana held May 1-2, 2008 in Baton Rouge. Ms. Roge` reported on how the new ethics law would apply to commissioners as the law currently stands. She further reported that there is a Bill in the legislature which would move levee board commissioners from Tier II to Tier III in the ethics plan which would not require any detailed information regarding personal income and personal ventures. She further advised that the Corps of Engineers was of the opinion that where a fence line existed

6' from the toe of the levee, everything inside the fence line should be cleared, and everything outside the fence line would need not be cleared. This is significant because the Corps' interpretation is consistent with State law which provides for a 6' right of way versus the 15' clearance that is now being mandated by FEMA.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved on the 10th day of June, 2008, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

RONALD E. CORKERN, JR.,
Attorney/Assistant Secretary